

to return in peace to your house. You will receive the bounty of ten denarii and no one will molest you." Evidently, Maximus was heartily sorry that such a fine old soldier should take up a position which seemed to him so grotesquely indefensible. But what was Julius's reply ? " Neither the Devil's money nor your specious words shall cause me to lose eternal God. I cannot deny Him. Condemn me as a Christian." After the interrogation had gone on for some time, Maximus said : "I pray you, and I beg you to sacrifice, so that you may live with us." " To live with you would be death; for me," rejoined Julius, " but if I die, I shall live." " Listen to me and sacrifice ; if not, I shall have to keep my word and order you to death." " I have often prayed that I might merit such an end." " Then you have chosen to die ? " "I have chosen temporary death, but an eternal life." Maximus then passed sentence, and the law took its course.

On another occasion the Governor said to the Christians, named Nicander and Marcian, who had proved themselves equally resolute, " It is not to whom you resist; it is not I who persecute you. My hands are unstained by your blood. If you know that you will fare well on your journey, I can congratulate you.* Let your desire be accomplished." " Peace be with you, merciful judge," cried both : martyrs as the sentence was pronounced.

The movement seems gradually to have spread from the provinces of Galerius to those of Maximian. At Tangiers, Marcellus, a centurion of ' "

* *Si autem scitis vos beatituros, gratulor vobis.*